



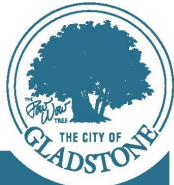
GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Measure 3-530 Gladstone Library May 2018



This May, Gladstone residents will consider a plan for a new library:

If the measure passes it would permit the City to lease the Gladstone City Hall property to Clackamas County as the site for a new library. The County would construct the library using accumulated Library District reserves and a future revenue bond. The City would continue to contribute approximately \$200,000 per year for operating expenses. The measure does not include any changes to taxes.

If the measure does not pass the library would remain at its current location. Library facilities and services would not change.

Why is this measure on the ballot?

Gladstone's library is in need of structural upgrades and improved ADA access. Gladstone residents have provided input on modernized library facilities and access to meeting rooms that are not available in the existing library.

In 2014, another library measure was on the ballot for voter consideration. The 2014 plan proposed one large library in Gladstone that would be operated by the City of Gladstone and would serve both Gladstone and Oak Lodge residents.

The latest (May 2018) ballot measure would authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the County to provide two libraries, one of which would be located in Gladstone. Both libraries would be managed by the County.

In accordance with City Charter, the new measure has been referred to the ballot for voter consideration.

Gladstone Library

If the measure passes, where would the new library be located?

At 525 Portland Avenue, the current location of City Hall. A relocated City Hall would be constructed at 18505 Portland Avenue.

If the measure passes, how would the library be funded?

The City would lease the property to the County for \$1 per year. Funding for construction of the new library would come from existing funds from the District's property tax of 0.3974 dollars per thousand of assessed value and a future revenue bond by the County. Library operating costs would not change with the District continuing to fund the majority of the Library's operating costs, currently \$700,159 annually, and the City continuing to contribute approximately \$200,000 annually.

If the measure passes, what would be the size of the new library?

Approximately 6,000 sq. ft. That could change based on the actual space needed and construction cost estimates. A financial analysis would be completed before any construction would begin.

If the measure passes, who would run the library?

Clackamas County would jointly manage the new Gladstone library and the proposed Oak Lodge library.

If the measure passes, what would happen next?

The City and County would hold public meetings and outreach events to better understand what the community wants and needs in a new library. Based on this input, a design for the new library would be developed and a financial analysis would be completed before construction would begin.

Stay engaged!

Sign up for email updates: visit clackamas.us/constantcontact.html and choose "Gladstone Library Updates."

Visit the City of Gladstone website: GladstoneLibraryProject.org.

Don't forget to vote! Return your ballot by May 15.



SPRING 2018



If the measure passes, the library would be built on the current site of the City Hall.



Learn more at GladstoneLibraryProject.org

Employee Spotlight



Meet Debbie Ferren- Gladstone Senior Center Nutrition Coordinator. She has worked for the City of Gladstone for 25 years.

Q-Where is the best place you have traveled and why? Cancun Mexico because of the color

of the ocean and the warm water to swim and the history.

Q-Where did you grow up? Portland Oregon.

Q-What is the weirdest job you have ever had? "In high school I worked as a car hop at the Beaverton A&W where I brought food to the cars and hung the tray on the windows like in the 50's"

Q-Do you have any pets? "I am allergic to cats and dogs so I enjoy other people's pets."

Q-What are 3 words that best describe you? Friendly, Reliable, Fun loving

Q-Where would you like to go on a dream vacation? New Zealand where my ancestors' are from

Q-What is your favorite food? Chocolate of course

Q-What do you like to do in your free time? Spend time with my Grandchildren

Q-What is something most people don't know about you? "I'm kind of an open book what you see is who I am."

Coffee With A Councilor—Change In Schedule



Coffee with a Council member assists the Council to better communicate with the residents and businesses of our community. Bring ideas, concerns and solutions to make Gladstone a better community! Coffee with a Councilor has changed their meeting dates to meet once a month at the Senior Center. Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month alternating between 9:30am and 6:30pm. The next meeting will be held on May 16th, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Easter Egg Hunt - Thank You!



On March 31st children found approximately 5,000 plastic eggs hidden at Gladstone High School. The hunt was a success and could not have taken place without the assistance of volunteers: Gladstone School District, Gladstone Key Club, Gladstone Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, Cathy Kerrigan, Kayla Anderson, Donna Bart, Kristi Yost, Lisa Sullivan, Jessie Safarik, Randi Thomas, Debbie Reimers & the Reisner family. Prizes and donations were received from: Sisul Engineering, Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary, Watts Heating & Cooling, Old Spaghetti Factory, Gladstone Burgerville, Gladstone McDonalds, Gladstone Baskin-Robbins, Family Fun Center, Flying Pie Pizzeria, Portland Rose Festival, Oregon State Beavers, Denver Broncos, University of Oregon, Seattle Storm, OMSI, OC Swimming Pool, The Children's Course, North Clackamas Aquatic Park, Oregon Zoo, The Children's Museum, Cycle Express, & Kellogg Bowl. **THANK YOU!**

Upcoming Council Meeting

Upcoming agenda items for the May 8, 2018 City Council meeting will include: Public Hearing for Park System Development Charges, approval of a contract for the Progressive Design-Build on the Gladstone Civic Center Project, business license amendments, amend Master Fee Schedule for Business Licenses.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News



Chief's Corner

Happy Spring Gladstone! Some of you may not be aware, but here at the Gladstone Police Department, we've been up to our ankles in.....sewage. Yes, it's true, the sewer backed up into the police station shutting down half of our working space. After several weeks of remodel, we are back in our space.

I am proud to say that service to our citizens was never delayed or compromised and we responded to all calls for service without delay. The men and women of Gladstone Police Department maintained a high spirit and professional attitude and I am extremely proud of them.

The event served as a reminder that we all must be prepared for unforeseen events, disaster, or just going without electricity for a few hours. Last year, GPD emphasized preparedness for these type of events and encouraged citizens to create a "72 hour kit" and I would like to send a reminder to do so.

This was a good exercise for the city and we gained valuable knowledge of how we will operate during an unforeseen disaster. We'll be working hard on our preparedness and encouraging all to do the same. In the meantime, thank you for your community support and positive influence!

Chief Jeff Jolley

Spring is here and we're about to get busy with community activities. The Gladstone Police Department is proud to sponsor **Drug Takeback Day** and our event in Gladstone will be held **May 5th** from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will be accepting your prescription medications that are no longer needed and will dispose of them properly. **We ask that you do not bring liquids, needles or sharps, and loose pills will not be accepted.** All you need to do is drive up in

front of the City Hall/Police building located at 535 Portland Ave., and we will meet you and take custody of your drop-off.

Some other highlights of the Drug Takeback Day:

E-recycling – the Kraxberger Middle School Robotics Club will be on-site to accept electronics that no longer function and/or wanted. They will accept computers, TV's, radios, microwaves and such. This station will be located on the Dartmouth St. side of City Hall.

Shred Service –the Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary Club will be hosting a shred truck. Please bring paper documents you wish to dispose of, keep your sensitive information out of the wrong hands. This is free to residents. We ask that you limit to 10 boxes of documents, stay at the station while your documents are being shredded, and take the container/box with you as we cannot process other materials. The truck will be located in the Watt's parking lot across the street from the City Hall/Police building.

Ice Cream – don't forget the ice cream! Our Gladstone Baskin-Robbins will be on hand to dish out a free ice cream treat to event-goers.

Upcoming Gladstone Police events to watch for;

July 4th BBQ Celebration – we hold this at Max Patterson Park and invite the community to come have a hot dog, listen to music, see police and fire equipment and spend time talking and interacting.

Night Out Against Crime – we will be celebrating this event August 2nd, citizens together with police demonstrating our community spirit.

Look for more to come throughout the summer. GPD will also be present and visible at many of the other great community events throughout the summer and we look forward to supporting those and meeting with you. Stay safe!

You can't burn that in Gladstone - From Fire Marshal Mike Funk



Every year about this time Gladstone citizens start heading outside to maintain their yards as the long Winter yields to Spring and Oregon sunshine. First thing, I would like to say Thank You. The majority of residents do a great job at making this City look sharp with flowers, trimmed bushes and fresh mowed yards.

Please remember that while all the trimming looks great, we need to remember that you are not permitted to burn any of this yard debris. All yard debris should be composted or placed in your brown yard debris can provided by the garbage hauler.

There have been a number of inquiries lately concerning outdoor burning. Because Gladstone is situated within the Metro – DEQ no burn area, outdoor burning is generally not allowed. While general outdoor burning is prohibited in the city limits, there are provisions that allow for (small) recreational or cooking fires.

Recreational fires are fires that are small and contained to a commercial patio pot, burn pit or stove. Fuels used in these situations are restricted to clean seasoned firewood.

Under no circumstances do these (recreational fire) guidelines allow the burning of garbage, grass, leaves, twigs, yard debris, plastics, tires, petroleum products, construction debris or any other product that release offensive smoke or odors into the surrounding area.

Some people are sensitive to burning wood; however the fire department has no authority to regulate recreational fires that are burning only clean seasoned firewood.

If you have questions or desire greater clarifications, please contact the Gladstone Fire Marshal, Michael Funk 503-557-2775 or funk@ci.gladstone.or.us

Address Numbers on Your Home

The Gladstone Fire Dept. requests residents please check address numbers placed on the front of their homes. Address numbers need to be 4 inches or larger, have a light for night time hours and stand out in a contrasting color to the home. Their quick response when responding to emergencies is dependent upon them finding your home. Please do your part by placing large, lighted, contrasting numbers on your home!

River Safety—From Fire Captain Kirk Stempel

Spring is here, with summer just around the corner, which means the river is full of boats and people enjoying the water everywhere. Just a reminder that it's a really good time to start to think about water safety. Currently the Clackamas river is in the low 40's and without the proper equipment, such as a Personal Flotation Device (PFD'S), someone that happens to fall in only has a short time before hypothermia sets in. On recreational vessels underway, children *under 13* years old must wear a Coast Guard -approved life jacket unless they are below decks or in an enclosed cabin. Here are some facts to think about when fitting a life jacket:

Make sure the life jacket is properly zipped or buckled.

Raise your arms straight up over your head while wearing your life jacket and grab the shoulder material, gently pulling up.

If there is excess room above the openings, and the life jacket rides up over your chin or face, it does NOT fit properly. A snug fit in these areas signals a properly fitting life jacket

Fit Facts

It is extremely important that you choose a properly fitting life jacket.

Life jackets that are too big will cause the flotation device to push up around your face, which could be dangerous.

Life jackets that are too small will not be able to keep your body afloat.

Neighbor Law

The City receives requests from residents about settling issues between neighbors that the City does not regulate. These issues include requests to: place trash and recycling cans out of public view to help maintain neighborhood livability, to not feed stray cats that may attract unwanted pets to a neighbor's yard or place of business, to trim overhanging tree limbs; locate property lines, move fences, etc. Many of these legal issues were settled years ago and resolution of current issues between neighbors are now typically settled by mediation instead of being litigated in court. For additional information on neighbor law you may check out "Neighbor Law: Fences, Tress, Boundaries and Noise", by Cora Johnson at the Gladstone Library.

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY SHRED-IT DAY E-RECYCLING DAY

When: Saturday May 5, 2018 from 10am – 2pm

Where: Gladstone Police Department - 535 Portland Ave

Community Festival

It's just a few short months until the Gladstone-Oak Lodge Rotary along with the Festival Committee, the City of Gladstone and all the wonderful citizens of our City will be putting on the Gladstone Community Festival. This year the dates of the event will be August 3rd -5th. We are expecting it to be as much fun as it was last year, with the same great events and activities! Please remember as a community event we are always open to suggestions and/or recommendations. Because this is a volunteer event we are also always looking for help. So if you or someone you know would love to give us a hand please let us know. The committee would like to thank the citizens and businesses who have supported us so willingly in the past, and do hope that we can count on that support this year. So keep those dates in mind, stay tuned for further announcements and visit the website for updates. If you should have any questions, please contact Bob Everett, reverett78@yahoo.com, 503-201-0785 or Jal Duncan, jal@jalduncan.com, 503-201-5952.

Curfew

According to Gladstone Municipal Code, Chapter 9.16.040, It is unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years who is not emancipated pursuant to ORS [419B.550](#) to [419B.558](#), to be in or upon any street, highway, park, alley, public right of way, or other public place between the hours specified in this section unless such minor is accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person twenty-one (21) years of age or older and authorized by the parent or by law to have such care and custody of the minor, or unless such minor is then engaged in an authorized school activity or lawful employment that makes it necessary to be in or upon such public place during the hours specified in this section. The curfew is between 11:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. of the following morning.

Street Light Out

Contact Portland General Electric (PGE) at 1-800-544-1795 (press "3") or email information, including address of streetlight outage, nearest cross street, pole and map number (on pole), if available, to lightout@pge.com.

Planning & Permits

The City contracts with Clackamas County for administration of the City's land use planning and building permits, including plumbing, electrical, grading, etc. For information, visit the county's website at www.clackamas.us/building or call 503-742-4240.

Gladstone City Business Licenses

Gladstone Municipal Code states in part, "No person shall carry on any business within the city without first obtaining a license" All businesses pay a fee of \$100, plus \$5 per employee, and if the business is operating out of a home residence, an additional \$50 fee is required. For owners of rental properties, the \$100 fee applies plus an additional \$25 per rental property. Business license applications may be downloaded from the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us. If you have any questions about business licenses please contact Hayley Kratz at 503-557-2766 or hl@ci.gladstone.or.us.

Boards, Committees & Commissions Vacancies

At its May 8, 2018 meeting, the City Council will consider requests for appointments to two positions on the Budget Committee, one position on the Traffic Safety Commission & two positions on the Audit Committee. To obtain an application and information, visit the city's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email ban-nick@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be returned by 5pm on May 1, 2018.

Community Promotions—Business Development Ad-Hoc Committee

In summer of 2018 the City of Gladstone will establish an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss how revenues from the Business License program should be spent. The Council adopted resolution No. 1098, a resolution formalizing the revenue collected for business licenses and fees be transferred to the *Community Promotions-Business Development* line item in the City's budget. Business licenses are required for a business operating within the city limits, whether for a rental property, commercial, or home-based business. In an attempt to improve transparency and accountability with the use of public funds, the City Council desires to formalize how the revenue will be spent. Two members from Council and up to seven members of the community (citizens and/or those that have a business license in Gladstone) will make-up the committee. "Ad-Hoc" means a public body created by Council for a particular purpose, issue, or need. Therefore is it expected this committee would meet monthly until recommendations on how the funds should be spent for fiscal year 2018-19 is completed. To obtain an application visit the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us, email ban-nick@ci.gladstone.or.us, call 503-557-2769 or stop by City Hall. Applications must be received by May 30, 2018.

Local Telephone Numbers

*City Hall General Business Line	503-656-5225
*Utility Billing/Water/Sewer Acct Info	503-557-2771
*Municipal Court/Traffic Citations	503-557-2772
*Public Works	503-656-7957
*Police Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2797
*Fire Dept. M-F, 8am to 5pm	503-557-2776
*Police & Fire After Hours	503-655-8211
*Library	503-656-2411
*Senior Center	503-655-7701
*Recreation/Business License	503-557-2766
*Planning	503-742-4520
*Building/Electrical/Plumbing Permits	503-742-4400
*Nuisance Concerns/Code Compliance	503-479-6859
*Gladstone School District	503-655-2777
*Gladstone High School	503-655-2544
*Kraxberger Middle School	503-655-3636
*Wetten Elementary School	503-656-6564
*Gladstone Disposal Company	503-656-9426
*Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	503-299-9999
*Portland General Electric	503-228-6322
*Northwest Natural Gas	503-226-4211
*Comcast Cable	1-800-934-6489





Glad Tidings

A monthly publication of the Senior Center

April 2018

1050 Portland Ave. Gladstone, Or. 97027 (503) 655-7701

Important Dates

April 11 at 5:30 pm. Gladstone Library Town Hall, at the Senior Center

April 17 at 3 pm. The S.C. Advisory Board meeting. Open to the public.

April 25 at 1 pm. Seminar series on dementia. First seminar will be on the warning signs. Free and open to all.

Thursdays at 1 pm- Board game day! Join us for some great fun. Open to all!

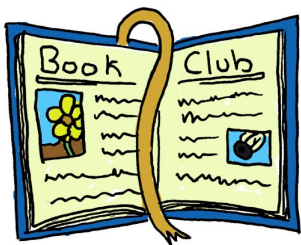
May 10 at 11:30 am- Annual Mother's Day Luncheon. Please RSVP. Thank you.

Senior Center Book Club

April 16, 2018 at 10:30 am

With Love, Wherever You Are by Dandi Daley Mackall.

After a whirlwind romance and wedding, Helen Berhart Daley, an Army nurse and Lt. Frank Daley, M.D., are sent to the front lines of Europe with only letters to connect them for months at a time. A true story.



Each day here at the Senior Center, I receive calls from local seniors seeking advice and resources on issues they're facing or are about to face. Sometimes, all they are looking for is someone to talk to and vent about their concerns. In a recent survey done by the State of Oregon, it was found that 90% of primary care physicians polled believed that loneliness and depression were a normal part of aging; loneliness and depression are not normal. Loneliness is an accepted social norm that we all deal with as we age. However, loneliness, untreated does lead to more serious issues such as depression. So, what is the anti-dote? The anti-dote is simple: engagement. Engagement is as simple as saying hello or good day. If you see a senior in need, reach out and offer assistance. Yes, it is that simple. There are however times where a simple hello or good day will not suffice. In those instances, please feel free to have them reach out to us here at the Senior Center. There are programs to assist those, of any age, facing challenges in their lives. If you want to do more, you can get free training to help; visit www.gettrainedtohelp.com. There is also a walk-in clinic located in Clackamas County at 11211 SE 82nd Ave. It should never be ok for anyone to be alone. While we are a senior center, we are here to assist everyone. Take the time, say hello or good day, you may be the first or only interaction that person has had all day. Be the reason, if only for that day or moment, that they have to smile and feel good. Now, my challenge to you all, the next time you are at the grocery store, library, gas station, or the even the bus stop, say hello or good day. You might be surprised at what happens next. Until next time Gladstone, take care.

-Colin Black, Manager

Who knew?

Did you know that the Senior Center has copies of the monthly City Council Packets available to read? We also have copies of the Gladstone Downtown Revitalization Project, and other City programs. Anyone may visit us to read these copies during business hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Additionally, Coffee with a Councilor has officially moved to the Senior Center. Please stay tuned for dates and times! The staff is really excited about this change. We hope you are too and are looking forward to seeing you all here at the Senior Center. Maybe have lunch too?



Gold Star Potluck-First Monday of each month at 12pm. Come join this open to all potluck. Everyone brings a dish to share, good conversation, and then a short game of Bingo afterwards. For more information and to sign up, please visit the front desk at the Senior Center.

Ever thought about playing bridge but don't know how? Join us for a free 6-week class starting in May. The class will be on Friday mornings from 11 am to 12 pm, here at the Senior Center. This is open to all ages. For more information, please contact the Senior Center.



April 2018– It's Spring!



Menu Legend: A= Activity S= Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1-	2- A-Gold Star Potluck @ 12 pm.	3- Baked Fish A- Bingo S- Fred Meyers	4- Chicken Penne Pasta A- Bunco S- Safeway	5- Spanish Beef Rice Casserole A- Pinochle A- Board Games	6- A- Bridge at 12pm	7-
8-	9-	10- Chicken Pastini A- Bingo	11- Beef Cabbage Bake A- Bunco S- Safeway	12- Mac & Cheese A- Pinochle A- Board Games	13- A- Bridge at 12pm	14-
15-	16- A- Book Club @ 10:30 am.	17- Roasted Turkey & Gravy A- Bingo S- Walmart	18- Lemon Herb Chicken Breast A- Bunco S- Safeway	19- 1/2 Turkey Sandwich A- Pinochle A- Board Games	20- A- Bridge at 12pm	21-
22-	23-	24- Garden Chicken Salad A- Bingo	25- Spaghetti A- Bunco S- Safeway	26- Pork Sausage with Gravy A- Pinochle A- Board Games	27- A- Bridge at 12pm	28-
29-	30-	<i>Lunch is a suggested donation of \$2.50 for those age 60 or older. For everyone else it is \$4.00. Menu subject to change without notice. Soup and Salad Bar included at no additional cost! All donations are extremely appreciated!</i>				

Gladstone Senior Center Trips

APRIL 13- HIKE AT Butte Creek Falls- Bring a snack lunch and we'll provide the coffee. Lv. 9am Ret: 3pm Fare: \$7

APRIL 20-KELL'S IRISH PUB- This is the make-up trip for the scheduled trip in February. We'll also visit the Scottish Country Shop and Trader Joe's. Lv. 10:30 am Ret: 3 pm Fare: \$6

APRIL 26 (THURSDAY)- SISTER ACT AT LAKEWOOD THEATER- Come with us as we see this excellent comedic play. Lv6 pm Ret: 10:30 pm Fare: \$5

MAY 4-MC MENAMINS KENNEDY SCHOOL- This former elementary school has been transformed into a hotel, theater, pub, and brewery. Come with us and enjoy a great day. Lv. 10 am Ret: 2 pm Fare: \$6

For more trip information or inquiries about the Senior Center Trip Policy, please call, please visit:
www.ci.gladstone.or.us/sc/page/senior-center-transportation.

Thank you.



April Birthdays

Diane B.	4/2	Cleo B .	4/3
Polly A.	4/6	Virginia C.	4/10
Sherry L.	4/11	Jon R.	4/17
John R.	4/20	Jess K.	4/22
Delores B.	4/24	Lois R.	4/27
Debbie G.	4/28		

It's Time for Spring Cleaning!



Take a good look around at the outside of your home, garden & property. Now that spring is here, it's time to spruce things up. Toss out junk that's been piling up in the yard or carport and dispose of that old car you'll never drive again, tune up the lawnmower and keep the grass mowed and get weeds in the garden pulled and under control. The goal of Code Enforcement is to work with the community to enhance and safeguard the quality of life in our community through education, guidance and enforcement of city codes. Please do your part by taking an active role in maintaining and improving the quality of our community by following Gladstone's Municipal Code, which can be found online at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Nuisances

Similar to most cities, Gladstone administers a "nuisance code" which essentially prohibits conditions that may affect public health or safety. For example, unsanitary and unsafe conditions such as accumulations of debris or rubbish or storage of junk, obstructing clear vision at an intersection, tall grass or weeds are all prohibited by the nuisance code. A public nuisance may also be caused by any fence, dam or other obstruction of any kind of natural water course that could back up water and significantly affect other property or improved public street. For questions about nuisances, you may view Chapter 8.04 of the Gladstone Municipal Code online at www.ci.gladstone.or.us or to report a nuisance, please call Code Enforcement at 503-479-6859.

Gladstone Municipal Code

Do you have a question about fence height, setbacks, zoning, traffic or park regulations? If so, the Gladstone Municipal Code is online at <http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Gladstone/>.

Gladstone Fire Department Employment Opportunity

Gladstone Fire Department is currently recruiting for paid-on-call firefighters. Being a firefighter for the City of Gladstone is a very rewarding and valuable way to serve the community and prepare you for a possible career in the fire service. It takes dedication, many hours of training and commitment to become a firefighter. If this sounds like you, here are our minimum requirements.

Job qualifications required:

- high school diploma or equivalent;
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age;
- must pass a criminal background check and drug test;
- must possess a current, valid Oregon driver's license and maintain a driving record insurable by the City's insurer in order to drive a department vehicle;
- must pass the entrance physical ability test, written exam (70% or better) and interview to be accepted for the department fire academy;
- must pass a full firefighter physical;
- must obtain a EMT license within one year after probation and maintain it during duration of employment;
- recruits are required to complete the fire academy (time commitment; approximately 120 hours);
- In addition to a high school diploma, post-high school education or an equivalent combination of education and experience is preferred and will be considered.

Applications are available at the Gladstone Fire Station at 555 Portland Ave. Gladstone OR 97027, Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm.

The application deadline for this process closes May 18th 2018.

For more information contact Jeff Smith at 503-557-2774 or smith@ci.gladstone.or.us

Let's Talk About Trash: Bulky Items

Options for getting rid of bulky items, such as furniture, appliances, tires, mattresses, etc.:

- **Donate:** Call 503-234-3000 or go online to search Metro's Find a Recycler www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler
- **Curbside Pick-up** by your garbage company. Call your collector for fees and details.
- **Take to a garbage facility:** Dispose of items at **Metro South Transfer Station** (503-234-3000) in Oregon City or **Clackamas County Transfer Station** (503-668-8885) in Sandy

City of Gladstone: 90-day Notice of System Development Charge Establishment

The City of Gladstone hereby issues public notice, pursuant to ORS 223.304, of its intent to establish a Parks System Development Charge.

A technical report addressing the methodology and calculation of the proposed charge will be available for review at City Hall, 525 Portland Avenue, Gladstone, or by calling 503-656-5225.

A public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed System Development Charge is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 8th, at City Hall. If you wish to comment but cannot attend the public hearing, please address written comments as follows:

Jim Whynot, Public Works Director
City of Gladstone
525 Portland Avenue
Gladstone, OR 97027

Written comments must be received by 4 pm, Friday, May 4th, to be considered.

Native Plant Sale at Gladstone Arbor Day

This year's Gladstone Arbor Day Celebration features a Native Plant Sale. Spruce up your yard and help the environment with local bedding plants from Boskey Dell Natives. Create a backyard sanctuary with plants that add color and attract butterflies, birds and beneficial insects. Our sale includes: Trilliums, Bleeding Heart, White Shooting Star, Western Columbine, Meadow Foam, Oregon Iris, and more! Proceeds benefit the Gladstone Nature Park. April 28, from 10am - 1pm, Gladstone Nature Park, 18111-18395 Webster Rd. Contact us for preorders: friendsofgladstonenature@gmail.com.

Utility Billing

The current billing system was implemented in July 2017 resulting in newly assigned account numbers. Please ensure you are using your new account number. Especially when remitting payment through your bank's bill pay. Free and easy payment options are available online at www.ci.gladstone.or.us or by phone at 866-721-1072

Sidewalks and Clear Vision

The Gladstone Municipal Code states that property owners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks abutting their property and are liable to any person suffering injury due to a defective sidewalk. The City's general standard for sidewalk maintenance states "not to exceed 1/2" vertical lift." This is similar to property owners being responsible for maintaining landscaping for clear vision of motorists at street intersections. Both the property owner and the City can be held liable for accidents when they are notified but fail to remove clear vision obstructions. Please check the condition of sidewalks along your property and check for adequate clear vision if your property is located at a street intersection.

3rd Annual Gladstone Arbor Day Celebration



Join your neighbors and the Gladstone community for the 3rd annual Gladstone Arbor Day Celebration, Saturday, April 28, from 10am to 1pm in the Gladstone Nature Park. This year's celebration includes a Native Plant Sale thanks to Boskey Dell Nursery. Explore the new trails and check out the children's arts and crafts booth. Kraxburger Gearhead Robotics will recycle your electronics. Gladstone Rotary is sponsoring a Peace Pole installation. There will also be live music on the meadow stage. Look for refreshments from Two Girls Catering and Happy Rock Coffee Roasters. Gladstone Nature Park is located at 18111-18395 Webster Road in Gladstone. This event is FREE and sponsored by the Friends of Gladstone Nature Park and the Sherie Hildreth Ovarian Cancer Foundation. Parking is available at the nearby LDS Church on Cason Road. Questions? Email: FriendsOfGladstoneNature@gmail.com.

Library Storytime Can Change the World

By: Councilor Michael Milch



Every decade or so, my wife and I find ourselves in the role of part-time caregivers to a toddler or preschooler. Among the many community resources we have come to depend on when caring for these nieces, nephews, or grandchildren (it takes a village, you know), our favorite by far is library storytime.

Three times or so each week, we strap our grandson into his car seat or rendezvous with him and his mom to visit a local library (usually Gladstone) where a gifted and energetic librarian engages a group of young children and their caregivers in music, movement, stories, puppetry, and active play.

We observe first hand the exponential growth in his comprehensive vocabulary, watch him tap his feet and sway his hips to the music of the ukulele, and see him forming his first friendships with children his own age and with Heather, his favorite librarian.

I have sat next to a 3-year-old who speaks both Ukrainian and English while he and his little sister sing songs using ASL hand motions and realized that he already knows three times as many languages as I do (not counting my smattering of high school Spanish).

We have been to all-ages storytime where a developmentally challenged young man in his 20's participated with the same enthusiasm and love for learning as the young children seated around him.

Not content to simply observe, I have also checked out one of the six ukuleles which are part of the Gladstone library's collection and am learning the chords to play and sing "Snuggle Puppy" to my grandson while we are at home.

We have revisited the library where his 12-year-old twin cousins went to storytime at age two, and we were greeted by

the same veteran librarian who helped to instill in them a love of books and learning that continues to this day.

I'll leave it to a librarian to articulate the ways that storytime activities promote cognitive growth in young children — ask one, they'll tell you — but for now my mantra on the long-term benefits of library storytime is something I saw in a study of 2-year-old development reported on slate.com:

The early years consist of some of the most important moments in child development. The size of a child's vocabulary at age 2 can predict his academic and behavioral abilities at the start of kindergarten. School readiness at the start of kindergarten can affect a child's ability to read by third grade. Kids who read by third grade are more likely to graduate from high school. People who graduate from high school have higher earnings and are less likely to end up in jail. Parents who aren't in jail and who have the capacity to earn a living wage are more likely to have children with larger vocabularies by age 2.

Of all the ways that city, county, and regional governments collaborate to serve the needs of children and youth in their communities, including parks, schools, transportation, and safety, libraries are one of the most essential. Occasionally I hear from a constituent or a politician who tries to make the case that modern technology has made libraries obsolete. Nonsense. Words, whether printed on a page, glowing on a screen, or soaring digitally through cyberspace, are the foundation of language and communication. Modern libraries rest on this foundation and provide universal access to all the tools needed to build upon it.

Libraries are hubs for inspiration, discovery and opportunity that can change lives. Take a baby or toddler or preschooler you love to library storytime. Change their world. And ours.

Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner



The Kiwanis Club of Gladstone-Oak Grove fundraiser benefits Gladstone High School Key Club Scholarship Fund

When: Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 5:00 – 8:00pm

Where: Gladstone Senior Center 1050 Portland Avenue in Gladstone.

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert - Vegetarian Available - Music & Entertainment

\$7 Per person or \$25 Per family. Children under 6 years of age eat free.

For information contact Jerry Deas at 503

319-1326 or Tom Hogan at 503 819 8367

E-mail: kiwanisgladstone@hotmail.com

Web-Site: www.gladoak.org



New Preschool Opening in Gladstone!!



Skopos Christian School is adding pre-school for September 2018! We are a non-denominational school for pre-school thru 8th grade. Pre-school will meet Monday-Friday from 8:30-11:30. Or you can customize your own plan. We meet at Tri-City Baptist Temple on Webster Rd. Registration begins March 1st. Registration Fee-\$100. Call us at 503-908-4740 or check us out at www.skoposcs.org

Community Clothes Closet/ Gladstone Food Pantry

Located off Nelson Lane, behind the Gladstone High School
Clothes Closet: Free used clothing for youths from birth to 21 years old. Families are invited to choose: outfits, jacket, shoes, new socks & underwear.

Emergency need? Donations? Volunteers? Call Coordinator LaRae Applebee at 503-758-4411

Clothes Closet is open: Thursdays from 3-5pm and Saturdays from 10am-12pm

Food Pantry: Families are invited to choose nutritious food to meet their family's needs and preferences. Please bring reusable bags to carry your food.

Questions? Donations? Volunteers? Contact Leslie Robinette at 971-246-0302 or robinette@gladstone.k12.or.us

The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry are run by local volunteers in partnership with the Gladstone School District. The Food Pantry operates as a School-Based Food Pantry under the Oregon Food Bank

Get Social

Connect with the City of Gladstone on Social Media and stay up-to-date with all the latest news.



Gladstone City Newsletter

If you have a community event you would like to see in the upcoming Gladstone City Newsletter, please send it to kratz@ci.gladstone.or.us. Articles are due on or before the 5th of each month to appear in the upcoming Newsletter.

**Gladstone Public Library
Foundation (GPLF) Updates**



We are still in need of books to sell at our annual Book Sale Aug 3-5. Bring your used books, CDs, and DVDs to the library.

Our second annual Yard Sale will be July 20-22. Times to be announced. Bring your donated items to 310 First St, Gladstone.

Stop by our table at the at the Arbor Day event, April 28, from 10am-1pm. We'll have a couple of gift baskets to raffle off as well as T-shirts and mugs to sell. We will be participating in Bike Night on July 12. Future events include Pint Night at the Oregon City Brewing Co. Date and times to be announced at a later date. All proceeds from these events go to support the library.

Interested in knowing more about our foundation? Go to www.gpl-foundation.org for more information.

Tri City Baptist

Tri City Baptist Temple will be having the Liberty Quartet on April 22 at 6pm. More information on our website, www.tcbt.org.

Pedestrian Safety



As the weather becomes sunny, residents are reminded while jogging, walking or biking to wear reflective and/or light colored clothing during the hours of darkness. Bicycles should have ample reflectors and a light on when it is dark.

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

503-656-2411

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day

Volunteer Spotlight:

Each month the Gladstone library would like to feature one of our outstanding volunteers in order for the residents of Gladstone to appreciate our talented and hard working group.

Our first volunteer of the month is Debbie Reimers who has been working for us for 31 years! She was born and raised right here in Gladstone! Her favorite part about volunteering is shelving our books in the children's area. Her bright smile and willingness to help people have been very contagious especially when mixed with her friendly personality.

1. Name: **Debbie Reimers**
2. Number of years you have volunteered for the library: **31 years!**
3. Where is the best place you've traveled and why? **Eastern Caribbean on my first cruise called the "Norwegian Epic". Then the 3rd largest ship in the world.**
4. What is the weirdest job you have ever had? **Stamping books and crossing out information when they were being discarded.**
5. Do you have any pets? **YES How many? One Dog What kind? Cockapoo What are they named? Bailey**
6. What are 3 words that best describe you? **Friendly, my smile and willingness to**

help people. 7. Where would you like to go on a dream vacation? **Maui (again).** 8. What is your favorite food? **Canadian Bacon & Pineapple Pizza.** 9. What is your favorite activity to do in your free time? **Playing Games on my Tablet, taking walks with my dog, and shopping.** 10. What is something most people don't know about you? **Flew in a Mooney 201 over Mt. St. Helens just after it erupted.**

Programs and Events

Rock Readers Book Club
Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m.
Books can be checked out at the Information Desk.

Dungeons and Dragons
Monday, May 21st at 4:30 p.m.
Whether you already love D&D or just want to see what it's all about, join us for an evening of adventure!

Dr. Who Club

Thursday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m.
Are you a fan of Doctor Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode, and share any show related news. All ages are welcome.

Children's Programs

Toddler Storytime for 18 months to 3 years
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

This Storytime is geared towards ages 0-3 with songs, books, and play for early development. Older siblings are welcome to sing and dance with us.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

This storytime is geared towards babies from 0-18 months and their caregivers with books, songs, lap bounces, cuddles, and play to help with early development.

All Ages Storytime

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

All ages are welcome to join us for books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that build literacy and language skills.

Art in Action for elementary and middle school ages

Wednesday, May 2nd at 3:30 p.m.

Art in Action is a hands on approach to learning about famous artists. Each month we will read about a famous artist and then explore their style and techniques as we create our own masterpieces.

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Group Meeting

Friday, May 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Voice your opinion about what kinds of teen events the library has for Summer Reading! Want more movies? Crafts? Technology or video game events? We want to know! TAG is for teens in the 6th-12th grades, and new members are welcome.

Teen Creative Collective

Thursday, April 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Teens are invited to our monthly craft program! In May we'll be learning how to weave unique wall-hangings on a loom, using a variety of yarn.

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CITY MEETINGS:

- ***City Council**—2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) - 6:30 pm—in the City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Planning Commission**—3rd Tuesday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Library Board**—1st Tuesday—6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chamber
- ***Traffic Safety**—4th Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm—City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Park & Recreation**—2nd Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Senior Center Advisory**—held quarterly—3rd Tuesday—3:00 pm—Gladstone Senior Center

Copies of City Council and Planning Commission meeting packets are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Volunteering at John Wetten Elementary

Considering Volunteering? Become a lunch buddy for a student at John Wetten Elementary School! The Lunch Buddy program at John Wetten Elementary School and GCCF matches adult volunteers with elementary students to provide friendship, support and positive role modeling by having lunch and spending special time together at recess. If you are interested, please contact Theresa Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator at John Wetten Elementary School, at 503-656-6564 or schmidtt@gladstone.k12.or.us.

Local Meetings—

- ◆ The Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is moving to quarterly meetings. Please contact Sheldon Penner at sheldon@AmicusData.com or 503-516-8618 for additional information.
- ◆ The Gladstone Historical Society is looking for new members! They meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at Gladstone City Hall Conference Room (enter at E Dartmouth door), 525 Portland Ave. Gladstone, OR 97027. For info, check out their website at, [www.gladstone-](http://www.gladstone-historical.org)

- historicalsociety.org. Guests always welcome! Old photos of the community and new ideas are needed.
- ◆ The Gladstone-Oak Grove Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at 7:00am at Hale's Restaurant, 17502 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Milwaukie, OR 97267. Visitors are welcome to attend. See you there!
- ◆ Take Off Pounds Sensibly! TOPS #579 (Gladstone) meets at St. Stephen Church, 290 W Gloucester, Friday at 9:30 a.m. Visit www.tops.org.